

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: HIGH-VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION PROJECTS	DOCKET NO. NOI-2011-0002
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ORDER SOLICITING ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

(Issued September 5, 2012)

Iowa has been at the forefront of large-scale wind-driven electric generation development and has significant potential to produce additional wind-driven energy, particularly in the western part of the state. However, for Iowa's wind-energy potential to be fully realized, additional electric transmission capability will likely be required. Because of the importance of transmission in the development and delivery of wind energy in Iowa, the Utilities Board (Board) has been conducting an inquiry asking for information from transmission developers and other stakeholders on planned transmission projects, transmission policy, and other issues.

A workshop was held at the Board's offices on August 28, 2012. At the workshop, transmission developers and stakeholders updated the information that they had provided in prior written comments and took questions from the Board and the audience. The wide-ranging discussion provided a snapshot-in-time regarding the status of transmission project developments in Iowa. The Board appreciates the

time and effort that the participants expended and believes it was worthwhile to bring various developers and stakeholders together for a sharing of information.

The workshop presentations that have been provided to the Board in electronic format are on the Board's Web site and in the electronic filing system. All presenters are encouraged to provide their presentations in electronic format. A Board staff memorandum summarizing the written comments that preceded the workshop is also included on the Board's Web site and in the electronic filing system.

In order to facilitate an ongoing dialog, the Board will allow participants an opportunity to file any comments they have that respond to any of the information presented at the workshop. Comments must be filed using the Board's electronic filing system; the Board encourages responses to be filed on or before October 5, 2012. However, because this is an inquiry docket and not a contested case proceeding, comments will be accepted after that date. Also, participants are encouraged to provide periodic updates regarding transmission projects or other transmission issues, as appropriate. If the Board believes another workshop is warranted, it will be scheduled by subsequent order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Participants may file responsive comments to the presentations or other information presented at the transmission workshop held on August 28, 2012. Participants are encouraged to file these comments on or before October 5, 2012,

and also to file future updates regarding transmission projects or other transmission issues, as appropriate.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Elizabeth S. Jacobs

/s/ Darrell Hanson

ATTEST:

/s/ Joan Conrad
Executive Secretary

/s/ Swati A. Dandekar

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 5th day of September 2012.